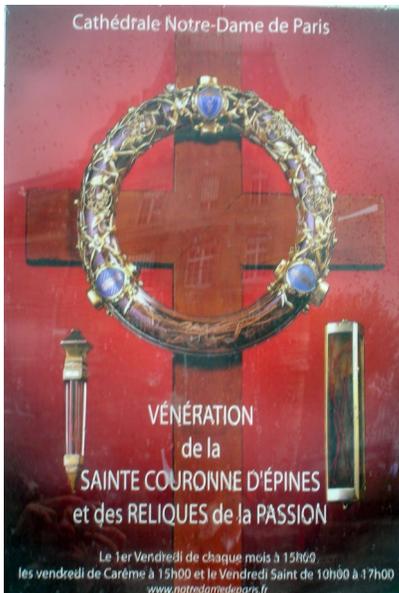


and all the trees of the country shall clap their hands. Instead of the shrub (thorns), shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the nettle, shall come up the Myrtle tree: and the Lord shall be named for and everlasting sign, that shall not be taken away". (Isiah 55:12-13)

Therefore, we join our voices in holy harmony with the singers and together proclaim, "Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!" (Joy To The World, by Isaac Watts and George F. Handel).

Romans 8: 19-23 would have us to know that creation is waiting. Waiting to be glorified at the Return of Jesus. Creation is waiting for the fulfillment of what Jesus' Blood obtained for them at Calvary! Creation is waiting to join along with The Redeemed and together we'll sing of the Power of the Blood of Jesus. In that grand and glorious day will be brought to pass all of the prophecies that proclaim that all of creation will rejoice in the Lord.



It has been confirmed that there were 70 thorns that made up the Crown that was placed on the Head of Jesus. The Crown housed at Notre-Dame de Paris are of canes bundled together and held by gold threads.

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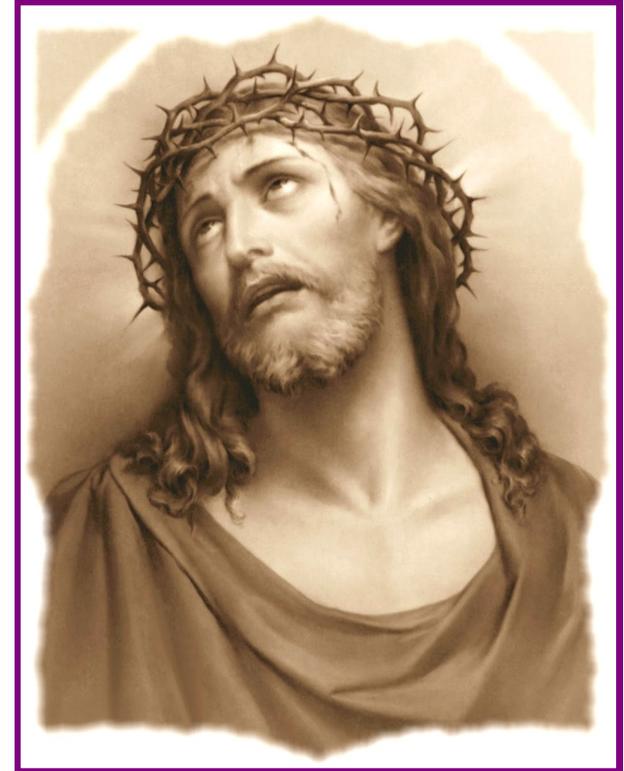
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Why Jesus Wore

"The Crown of Thorns"

Part II of II



**(Jesus therefore came forth,
bearing the Crown of Thorns
and the Purple Garment)**

**and he saith to them:
Ecce Homo (Behold the Man)**

John 19:5

Why Jesus Wore... "The Crown of Thorns"-Part-II

by Velma Sanders

Continuing our discussion, in this second pamphlet, as to why Jesus was crowned with thorns, we read in Genesis 1:26, that man is to have dominion over all of God's earthly creation. "And he said: let us make man to our image and likeness: and let him have dominion over the fish of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth." Through God's purposes, Man before The Fall possesses dominion over the earth. The devil, as we know, has always wanted to be God and to rule; and having now fallen from Heaven, he seeks to gain the dominion that God has given to Man.

The earth, including the ground and the kingdom of plants and of animals, was given to Man to subdue and replenish it (Genesis 1:28). However, as we know, through Man's disobedience instead of the earth flourishing in the soil in which God planted it, that being one of delight (Genesis 2:8), the earth is now brought under sore distress as a result of sin.

Presently, even to this very day, through Adam's sin there are many evidences of creation being affected by Man's disobedience to God-leaves fall from the trees, plants bloom only for a season, snow has to be shoveled, air conditioners are necessary, etc. This is what Paul calls the "bondage of corruption" as stated in Romans 8: 21, 22. "Because the creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that every creature groaneth and travaileth in pain, even till now."

Even the very earth that God had given to Man to rule has been transferred to the devil. When Adam fell, all that God had given to Adam fell with him-the wife, the children, the ground. As a result, we read of the devil proclaiming that the earth, and the kingdoms of it, belong to him. Luke 4:5-6, "And the devil led him into a high mountain, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time; And he said to him:

"To thee will I give all this power, and the glory of them; for to me they are delivered, and to whom I will, I give them." Indeed this was the case for Adam had given it to him, the devil. Figuratively speaking-Man falls, slithering upon the ground, the serpent "picked up" all that "fell" out of Adam's hand.

Jesus comes to redeem all that Adam lost! Jesus has come to redeem man. Jesus has come to redeem the earth. Hence to answer our question, "Why was the crown of thorns placed upon Jesus' head?"

Once again, let's behold our mighty Redeemer in the Garden as those precious drops of Blood fall, fall to the ground. Now, of course, Not One Drop of Jesus' Blood is lost, **not one drop** of His Blood is lifeless, **not one drop** of His Blood is without power. Whatever His Blood touches-His Blood Redeems! So we now behold, that indeed, "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof..." (Psalm 23:1). The earth is His by creation, and it's His, legally, through redemption. This answers the "Why?" of the first shedding of Blood.

However, why the crown of thorns? As we recall the first evidence of fallen man revealed in creation was "thorns and thistles" (Genesis 3: 17-18). The Father Himself pronounced this curse. In Jesus' wearing of the crown of thorns, He bore the curse, not only for man, but He bore creation's curse as well. This is why the Father would allow for the Head of His Beloved Son to be crowned. Jesus Christ purchased, by His All-Sufficient Blood, Creation's redemption!

"For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall sing praise before you,